Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Nearly 44 million Americans, equal to the combined population of 24 states, do not have health care coverage; and,

Whereas, Eight out of 10 people who are uninsured are in working families that cannot afford health insurance and are not eligible for public programs; and,

Whereas, There are 8.5 million children in America without health coverage; and,

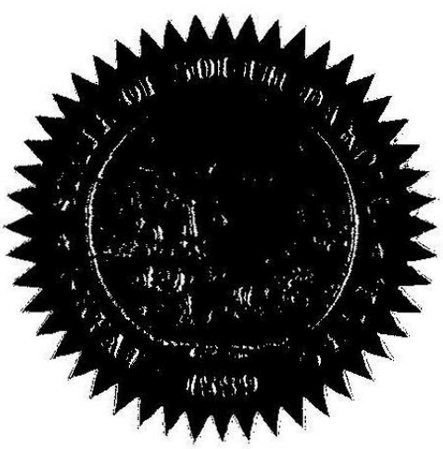
Whereas, Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who are covered, and suffer needlessly because they go without the health care they need; and,

Whereas, With health care costs climbing rapidly, employers and working families in our community are finding it harder to afford coverage:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems and proclaim May 10-16, 2004, as

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State